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Senator Blanche Lincoln's Call to Action: Taking the Pulse of Rural Health Care

Dear Fellow Arkansan,

Like many of you, I'm troubled by rising health care costs and the barriers many Arkansas families face accessing a quality, affordable health plan. Nearly half a million Arkansans are uninsured, including 66,000 Arkansas children. The costs in both human and financial terms are felt by everyone.

That's why I'm working from my seat on the Senate Finance Committee to give Arkansans a voice in the debate on health care reform. It is one of the most urgent issues facing our nation, and the time for actionis now.

Rural communities face their own unique challenges when it comes to health care. Beginning April 6, I'll be "taking the pulse" of rural health care in Arkansas with a series of community meetings around the state. These forums will be open dialogues between providers, patients, and other stakeholders, discussing ways we can improve the delivery and accessibility of health care in rural communities.

This year, Congress must advance meaningful health reform legislation that lowers costs and provides coverage for more Arkansans. Our future success lies with making quality and affordable health care accessible to all Americans – the insured, the underinsured, and the uninsured.

With Arkansas Pride, Blanche

P.S. For more information on my "Taking the Pulse of Rural Health Care" stops in Clinton, Augusta, Lake Village, Nashville, and Springdale, please contact my Little Rock office at 1-800-352-9364.



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Lincoln Meets with Conway Native Jordan Craig

U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln recently met with Conway native Jordan Craig. Craig, a student at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, was in Washington as a part of the National 4-H Council.



Lincoln Meets With Employers Council on Flexible Compensation

U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln recently met in her Washington office with members of the Employers Council on Flexible Compensation. (L to R) John Robbins, Sr. – Little Rock; Todd Easton – Little Rock; Lincoln; Mary Silvers – West Helena; Linda Branscum – Batesville; and Charles Robbins – Little Rock.

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